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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2652

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 16, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A slider comprising:

a slider body including a leading edge, a trailing edge and opposed sides and the trailing edge including opposed first and second trailing edge portions;

a raised bearing surface formed on the slider body; and

a slider integrated pad on the first trailing edge portion elevated above the raised bearing surface and dynamically imbalanced relative to the second trailing edge portion to form a predicted tipped position along the raised bearing surface proximate to the second trailing edge portion and the raised bearing surface at the predicted tipped position having a textured surface.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (previously presented) The slider of claim 1 wherein the textured bearing surface is formed of a laser texturing process.

4. (previously presented) The slider of claim 1 wherein the bearing surface includes opposed first and second side rails and the dynamically imbalanced slider integrated pad is formed on the first side rail and the textured surface portion is formed on the second side rail.

5. (Original) The slider of claim 1 wherein the leading edge includes opposed first and second leading edge portions and the first and second leading edge portions include slider integrated pads dynamically balanced relative to the first and second leading edge portions.